(*c*) Do the Government intend publishing the proceedings of the Legislative Council in the Vernacular?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) and (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (5) of question No. 124.

Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill.

126. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action they have hitherto taken on the report of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee;

(*b*) whether any directions had been given to the Legislative Department to draft a new Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill, and, if so, what time has elapsed since such order;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the uncertainties in the public mind on account of impending legislation on the subject and the consequent unwillingness of the Kudiyans to pay, and the Jenmies to accept their dues;

(*d*) what sum of money was spent on account of the last Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee in regard to the salaries and allowances of the official members, the travelling allowance, etc., of the non-official members, the cost of establishment and contingencies, and the printing and publication of the Committee's report; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be so good as to introduce a Bill on the subject into this Council at once?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*) The report of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee was published in the Government Gazette and the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil was asked to draft a Bill amending the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation, V of 1071. (*Vide* G. O. No. L. 487, dated the 1st April, 1920, published in the Gazette dated the 6th April, 1920.)

(*c*) The answer is inthe negative.

(*d*) The cost on account of salaries, allowances, etc., amounted to Rs. 16,826, and the cost on account of printing the report and its Malayalam translation to Rs. 2,630.

(*e*) The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has just completed the task of drafting the Bill. It has to be considered by the Government before publication.

Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill.

127. THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI: With reference to interpellation No. 4, asked by Mr. J. John Nidiry at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th April, 1920, and interpellation No. 24, asked by Mr. Trivikramar Vasudevar at the meeting held on the 11th November, 1920, and the replies given by the Govern-

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

ment thereto, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has drafted the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill and when he proposes to introduce the same into the Council?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: The attention of the member is invited to the answer furnished to part (*e*) of question No. 126.

Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation.

128. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state why the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill is not yet introduced into the Council?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: The member is referred to the answer given to part (*e*) of question No 126.

Report of Mr. Gomatinayakam Pillai, District Superintendent of Police, about Excise Officers.

129. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report submitted to the Government by Mr. Gomatinayakam Pillai, District Superintendent of Police, Kottayam, about the corruption of Excise Officers and the agents of the toddy contractor Mr. Nadar in the Arukutty Circle?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: There is no such report.

Revised Arms Rules.

130. THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI: (1) Will the Government be pleased to say (i) what led them to promulgate the revised Travancore Arms Rules, dated the 15th July, 1922, and (ii) whether there was any special reason for cancelling the exemptions previously in force, in favour of—

(*a*) cultivators of hilly tracts like Todupuzha and Kunnatnad;

(*b*) landholders who pay a tax of Rs. 100 and above; and

(*c*) members of the Legislative Council, the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Municipal Councils, and other accredited representatives of the people?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to make a specific provision for granting licenses for longer periods and for taking licenses before the expiry of the periods covered by the licenses issued?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (1) (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) In revising the rules, Government were guided by the policy laid down by the Government of India recently as the result of recommendations submitted by a mixed committee of officials and non-officials appointed by them. In view of their responsibility for the maintenance of order and tranquility, the Government are bound to take into account the dangerous effect

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